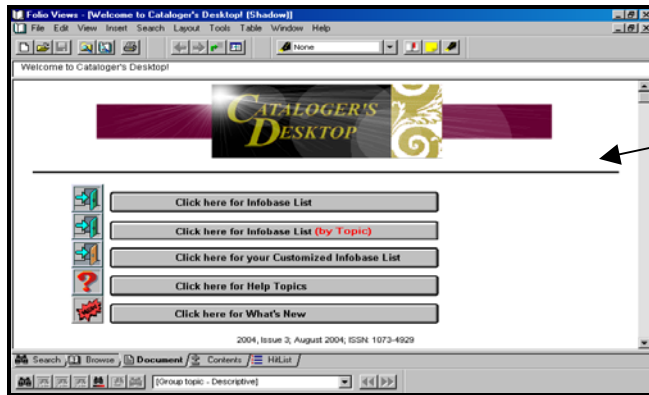# Cataloger's Desktop:

A Comparison of the

CD-ROM and Web Versions

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The purpose of what follows is to highlight the differences between the CD-ROM and Web versions of Cataloger's Desktop.
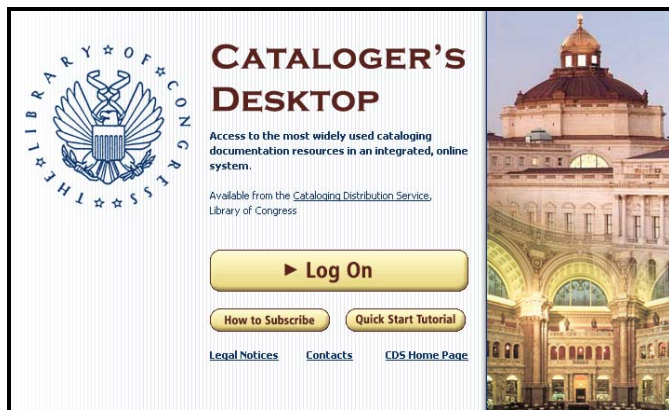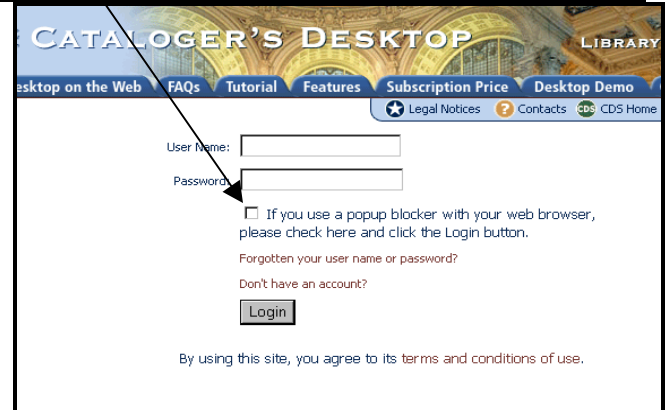
1. Login

> The first notable difference occurs upon opening the program:
> • The **CD-ROM** version opens directly from the Welcome Screen.
> • The **Web** version uses two login windows and requires a pre-assigned user ID and password to open the program.

(WEB: Login Window #1)
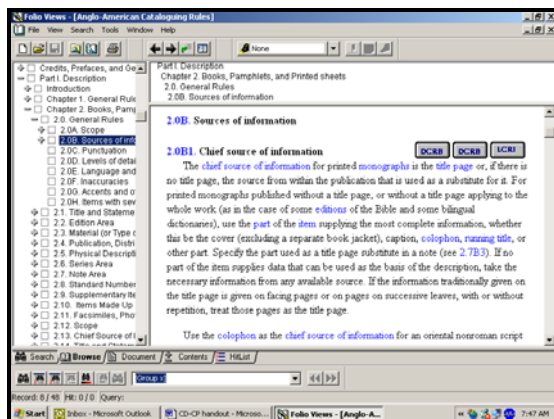*(This window can be closed once login is completed.)*

(WEB: Login Window #2)

2. Views

Certain views are similar in both the CD-ROM and Web versions:

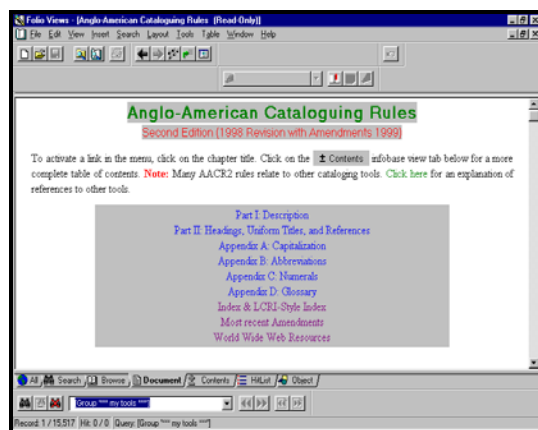**The Browse View** displays the Contents and Document panes together.

(CD-ROM)

(WEB)

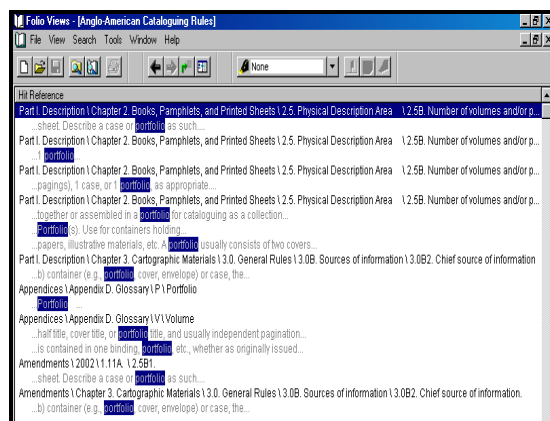**The Document View** displays the full-text document utilizing the entire screen.
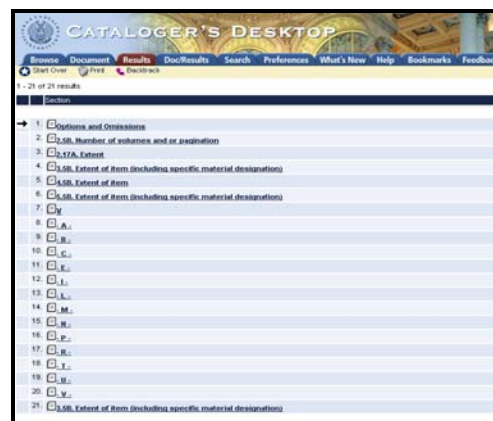

(*CD-ROM*)

(*WEB*)

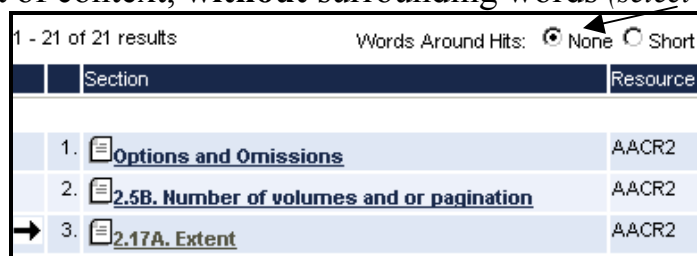**The Hit List (CD-ROM) & Results (WEB) Views** display lists of search results.
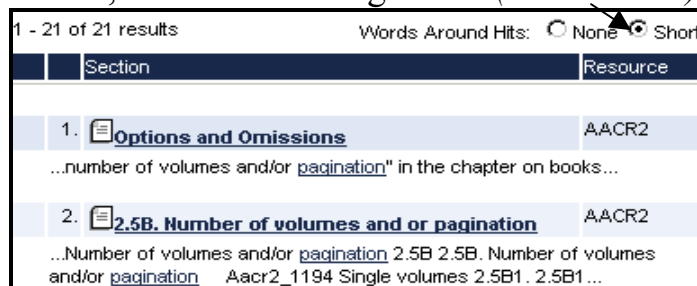

(*CD-ROM*)

(*WEB*)

The **Web** version, however, offers two options for viewing the search result hits:

1. Out of context, **without** surrounding words *(select NONE)*.

2. In context, **with** surrounding words *(select SHORT)*.

(WEB)

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The Contents View illustrates another notable difference:

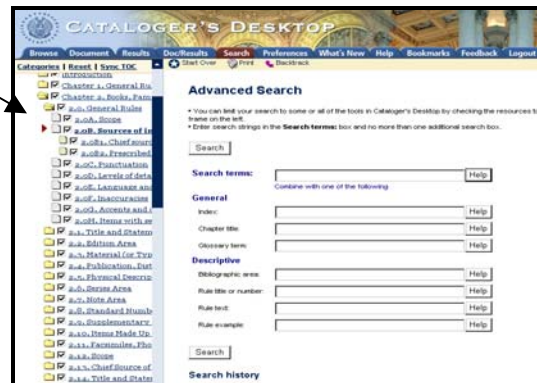- In the **CD-ROM** version, the entire table

(CD-ROM)

- In the **Web** version, the table of contents only appears on the left side of the screen in the **Browse** and **Search** views.
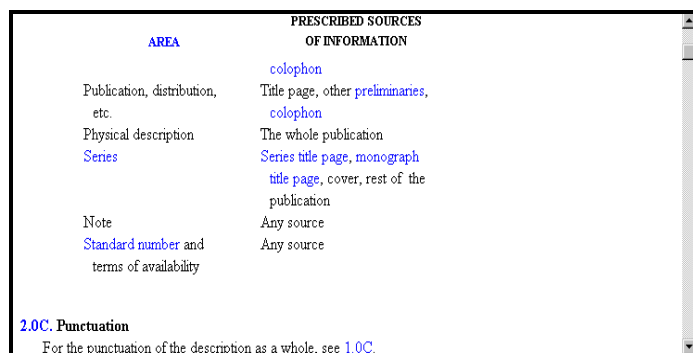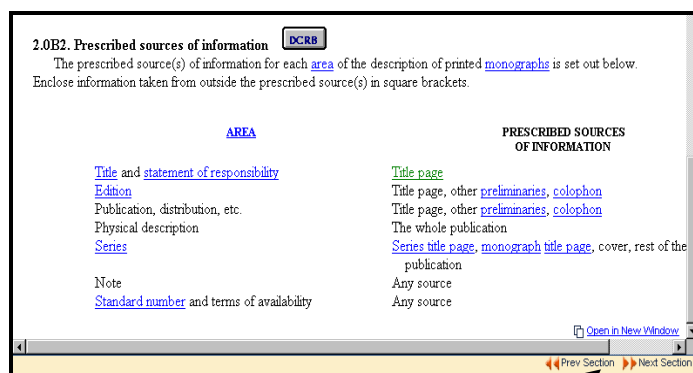

(WEB)

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There is a notable difference in how much of each resource is displayed at one time:

(CD-ROM)

The **CD-ROM** version shows each resource in a continuous, scrollable display.
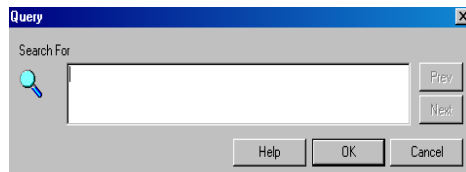

(WEB)

The **Web** version displays resources in pre-defined sections, requiring the use of
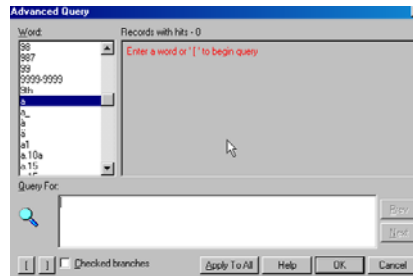
3. Searching

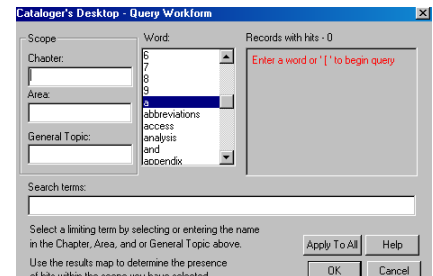There are slight variations in the way searches are performed in both versions:

Where the **CD-ROM** version provides a variety of query templates,
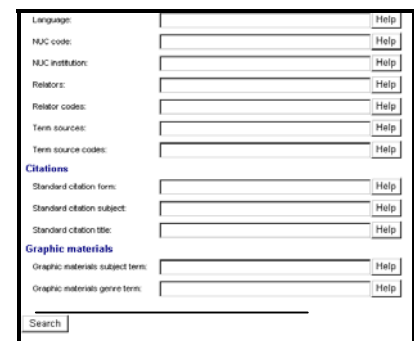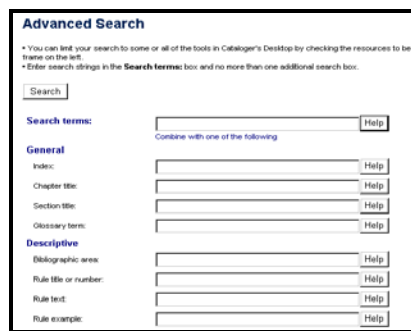
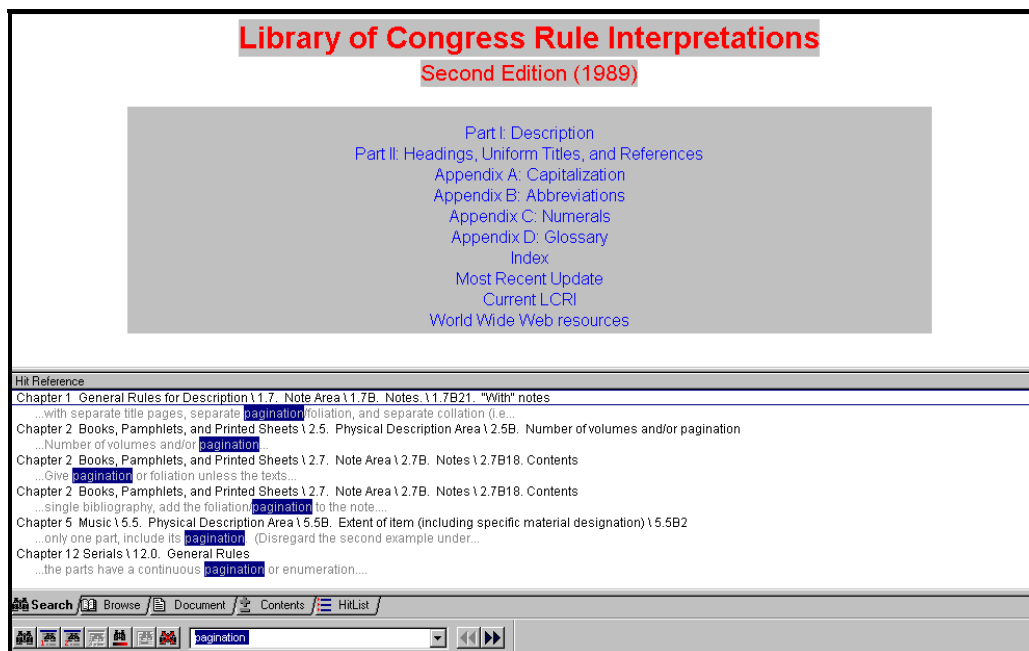*(CD-ROM: Simple Query)*

(CD-ROM: Advanced Query)

(CD-ROM: Query Workform)

the **Web** version integrates these templates into one continuous **Advanced Search** screen.

(WEB: Advanced Search Screen)

Where the **CD-ROM** version requires the user to consciously select which resource to search:
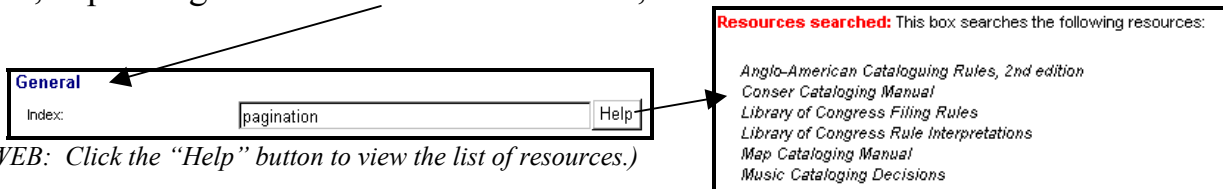
(CD-ROM: Search results for the word "pagination" in the LCRI.)

the **Web** version defaults to searching multiple resources simultaneously.
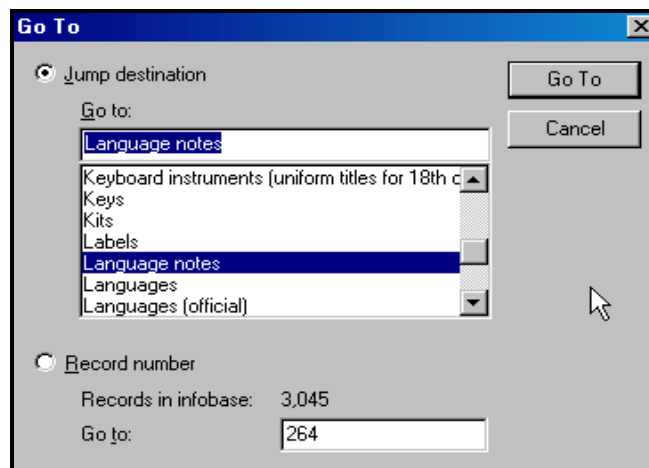

(WEB: Search results for the word "pagination" within various resources)

Also, depending on which search box is used, a different set of resources will be searched:
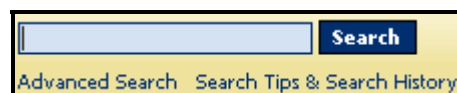

(WEB: Click the "Help" button to view the list of resources.)

Where the **CD-ROM** version offers the **Go To** feature for quick searching within one resource,

(CD-ROM: Control + G)

the **Web** version offers a **Quick Search** box for searching within several resources.

(WEB)
(This box, located at the top right corner of the screen, should be the preferred way to search.)

4. Customization

Just as the **CD-ROM** version offers a customizable infobase list from the Welcome Screen,

(CD-ROM)

(*Users make changes to the list by highlighting and deleting the infobases they do not plan to use.*)

the **Web** version also allows users to select **Preferences** from the list of available resources.
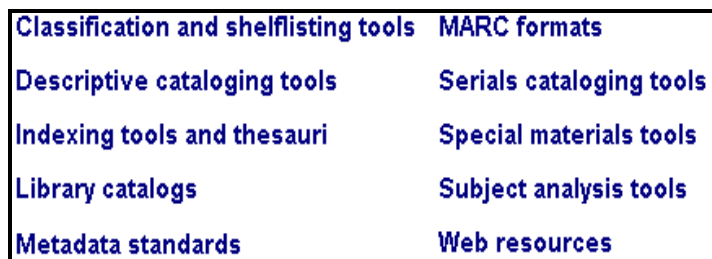

(WEB)

(Users are advised to "Clear All" the checked boxes before selecting the resources they plan to use.)

Just as the **CD-ROM** version allows users to access infobases according to specific topics,
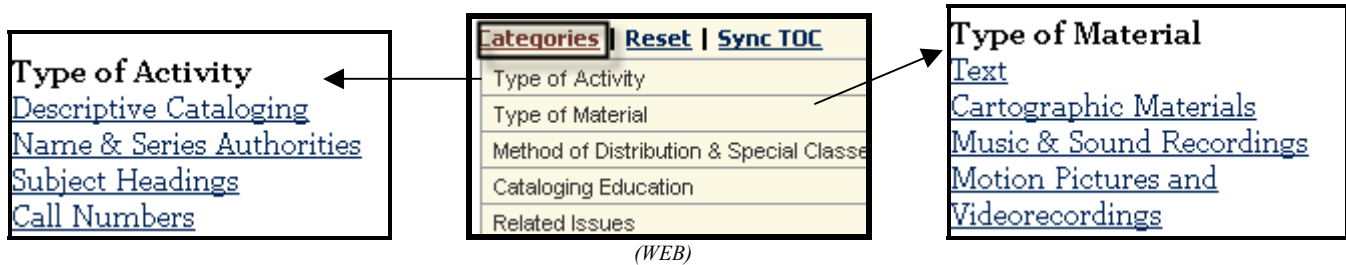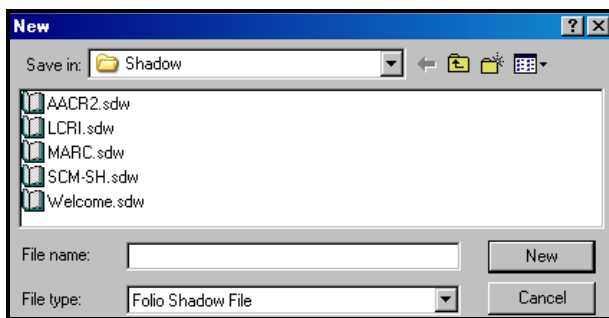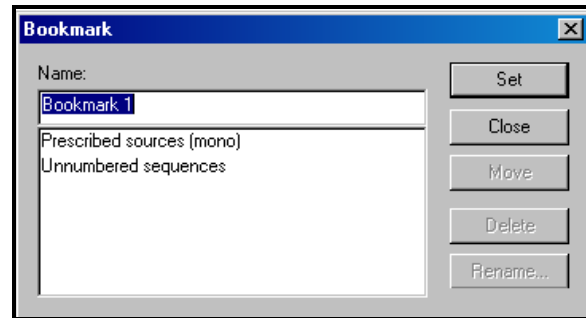

(CD-ROM)

(CD-ROM)

the **Web** version offers pre-defined **Categories** of resources that reflect the functions or types of materials that are most relevant to a cataloger's workflow.

(WEB)

While the **CD-ROM** version requires that a **shadow file** be created before setting **bookmarks**,

(CD-ROM: Shadow File Window)

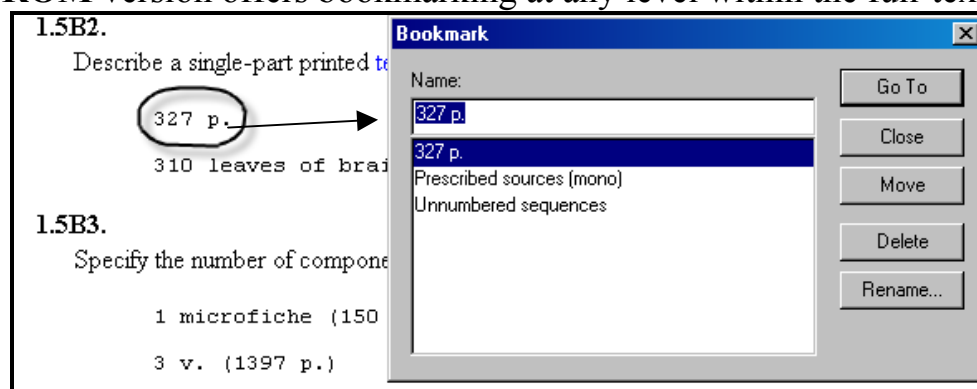*(CD-ROM: Bookmark Feature)*

the **Web** version simply requires that the **Document** view be opened before adding a bookmark using the [Bookmark] icon. The list of saved bookmarks is then accessed using the [Bookmarks] tab.
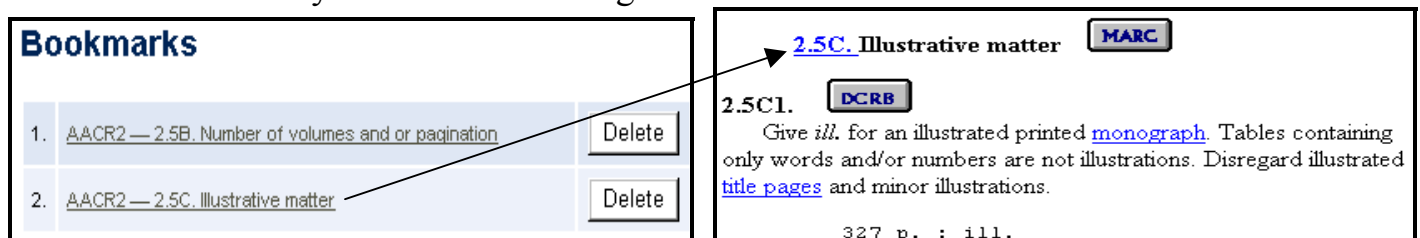
NOTE: The level of bookmarking specificity varies between the CD-ROM and Web versions:

While the **CD-ROM** version offers bookmarking at any level within the full-text document,

(CD-ROM: Bookmarking an individual word)

The **Web** version only offers bookmarking at the section title level.

(WEB: Bookmarking a section title)

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5. Miscellaneous Web Issues

Certain functions are available only with the Web version of **Cataloger's Desktop** because it is a Web application:

1. All customization features (i.e., **Preferences**, **Bookmarks)** are stored as cookies on the cataloger's personal workstation. For this reason, they cannot be shared and they will disappear if cookies are deleted.

2. Many remote databases have been added (e.g., media, movie, theater and music guides, historical society catalogs, government agency websites, Autocat archives, and OCLC documentation) bringing the Web version of **Cataloger's Desktop** closer to becoming a comprehensive gateway for cataloging resources.

3. A view tab has been added to the navigation bar for customers to send **Feedback** and comments to CDS (alternatively accessed via http://desktop.loc.gov/feedback.asp).

4. Search sessions time out after 30 minutes of inactivity.